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IDHS ANNOUNCES COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR SBA LOAN PROGRAM

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) received notice the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved Governor Daniels' request for disaster financial assistance for damages sustained during the severe weather and tornadoes that affected portions of southwest Indiana on May 25. The approval means homeowners and businesses in affected counties are eligible now for the SBA's Disaster Loan program.

Homeowners and businesses who sustained damage in the following counties are eligible for the U.S. SBA Disaster Loan program:

- Daviess
- Gibson
- Pike
- Dubois
- Knox
- Warrick

"Indiana continues to experience severe weather, disrupting lives and businesses across the state," said J. Eric Dietz, IDHS Executive Director. "Again, IDHS is grateful for the SBA's prompt response to the Governor's request for assistance to help Hoosiers rebuild."

The U. S. SBA's Disaster Loan program includes two types of loans, the physical disaster loan and the economic injury disaster loan. The physical disaster loan application deadline is August 7, 2006 and the economic injury disaster loan application deadline is March 8, 2007.

Homeowners or businesses who wish to apply for a loan or have questions concerning the U.S. SBA Disaster Loans can contact the SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955, go to www.sba.gov/disaster, or visit a temporary U.S. SBA office. The location and hours of operation of the temporary U.S. SBA office in Indiana will be announced within a few days.

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